



ULTRA SPEC[®] 500

INTERIOR EGGSHELL FINISH

N538

Features

- Zero VOC
- Low odor
- Excellent hiding
- Great touch up
- Spatter resistant
- Decorative and uniform eggshell finish
- Quick dry
- Easy application
- Soap and water clean up
- MPI Approved
- Washable
- Eligible for LEED[®] v4 credit

Recommended For

Interior wall and ceiling surfaces in commercial and institutional environments where an eggshell finish is desired. For use on primed or previously painted drywall, masonry, plaster, wood, metal and wallpapered surfaces.

General Description

A professional-quality interior waterborne eggshell finish based on a proprietary cross-linking acrylic resin that tints on the Gennex[®] zero VOC colorant system. This waterborne interior eggshell provides a decorative scrubbable finish that is eligible for LEED[®] v4 credit and passes the most stringent environmental standards in any color. Because it tints on our Gennex[®] waterborne colorant system all Ultra Spec[®] 500 finishes are available in any color without an increase in VOC.

Limitations

- Do not apply when air and surface temperatures are below 50 °F (10 °C)

Product Information

Colors — Standard:				Technical Data [◇]		White
White (01)				Vehicle Type		Acrylic Copolymer
— Tint Bases:				Pigment Type		Titanium Dioxide
Benjamin Moore [®] Gennex [®] bases 0X, 1X, 2X, 3X & 4X				Volume Solids		42 ± 2%
— Special Colors:				Coverage per Gallon at Recommended Film Thickness		350 – 400 sq. ft.
Contact your Benjamin Moore representative				Recommended Film Thickness		– Wet 4.3 mils – Dry 1.8 mils
Certifications & Qualifications:				Depending on surface texture and porosity. Be sure to estimate the right amount of paint for the job. This will ensure color uniformity and minimize the disposal of excess paint.		
VOC compliant in all regulated areas				Dry Time @ 77 °F (25 °C) @ 50% RH		– To Touch 2 Hours – To Recoat 2 – 3 Hours
Zero VOC				Painted surfaces can be washed after two weeks. High humidity and cool temperatures will result in longer dry, recoat and service times.		
Class A (0-25) over non-combustible surfaces when tested in accordance with ASTM E-84				Dries By		Coalescence
Master Painters Institute MPI # 52, 52 X- Green [™] , 145, 145 X-Green [™]				Viscosity		95 ± 5 KU
Master Painters Institute High Performance # 139, 139 X-Green [™]				Flash Point		N/A
Anti-microbial - This product contains antimicrobial additives that inhibit the growth of mold and mildew on the surface of the paint film.				Gloss / Sheen		Eggshell (20 – 25 @ 85°)
				Surface Temperature at Application		– Min. 50 °F – Max. 90 °F
				Thin With		See Chart
				Clean Up Thinner		Clean Water
				Weight Per Gallon		10.8 lbs
				Storage Temperature		– Min. 40 °F – Max. 90 °F
				Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC)		
				0 Grams/Liter 0 Lbs./Gallon		
				Zero VOC post tint (any base and any color)		

[◇]Reported values are for White. Contact Benjamin Moore for values of other bases or color.

Surface Preparation

Surfaces to be painted must be clean, dry, and free of dirt, dust, grease, oil, soap, wax, scaling paint, water soluble materials, and mildew. Remove any peeling or scaling paint and sand these areas to feather edges smooth with adjacent surfaces. Glossy areas should be dulled. Drywall surfaces must be free of sanding dust.

New plaster or masonry surfaces must be allowed to cure 30 days before applying base coat. Cured plaster should be hard, have a slight sheen and maximum PH of 10; soft, porous or powdery plaster indicates improper cure. Never sand a plaster surface; knife off any protrusions and prime plaster before and after applying patching compound. Poured or pre-cast concrete with a very smooth surface should be etched or abraded to promote adhesion, after removing all form release agents and curing compounds. Remove any powder or loose particles before priming. Wood substrates must be thoroughly dry.

Difficult Substrates: Benjamin Moore offers a variety of specialty primers for use over difficult substrates such as bleeding woods, grease stains, crayon markings, hard glossy surfaces, galvanized metal or other substrates where paint adhesion or stain suppression is a particular problem. Your Benjamin Moore® retailer can recommend the right problem-solving primer for your special needs.

WARNING! If you scrape, sand or remove old paint, you may release lead dust. **LEAD IS TOXIC. EXPOSURE TO LEAD DUST CAN CAUSE SERIOUS ILLNESS, SUCH AS BRAIN DAMAGE, ESPECIALLY IN CHILDREN. PREGNANT WOMEN SHOULD ALSO AVOID EXPOSURE.** Wear a NIOSH-approved respirator to control lead exposure. Carefully clean up with a HEPA vacuum and a wet mop. Before you start, find out how to protect yourself and your family by contacting the National Lead Information Hotline at 1-800-424-LEAD or log on to www.epa.gov/lead.

Primer/Finish Systems

New surfaces should be fully primed, and previously painted surfaces may be primed or spot primed as necessary. For best hiding results, tint the primer to the approximate shade of the finish coat, especially when a significant color change is desired. **Special Note:** Certain custom colors require a Deep Color Base Primer tinted to a special prescription formula to achieve the desired color. Consult your retailer or a Benjamin Moore representative.

Wood, and engineered wood products:

Primer: Ultra Spec® 500 Interior Latex Primer (N534) or Fresh Start®

Multi-Purpose Oil Based Primer (024)

Finish: 1 or 2 coats Ultra Spec® 500 Interior Eggshell Finish (N538)

Drywall:

Primer: Ultra Spec® 500 Interior Latex Primer (N534) or Fresh Start®

Multi-Purpose Latex Primer (N023)

Finish: 1 or 2 coats Ultra Spec® 500 Interior Eggshell Finish (N538)

Plaster (Cured):

Primer: Ultra Spec® 500 Interior Latex Primer (N534) or Fresh Start®

Multi-Purpose Latex Primer (N023)

Finish: 1 or 2 coats Ultra Spec® 500 Interior Eggshell Finish (N538)

Rough or Pitted Masonry:

Primer: Ultra Spec® Masonry Interior/Exterior Hi-Build Block Filler (571)

Finish: 1 or 2 coats Ultra Spec® 500 Interior Eggshell Finish (N538)

Smooth Poured or Precast Concrete:

Primer: Ultra Spec® Masonry Interior / Exterior 100% Acrylic Masonry Sealer (608)

Finish: 1 or 2 coats Ultra Spec® 500 Interior Eggshell Finish (N538)

Ferrous Metal (Steel and Iron):

Primer: Ultra Spec® HP Acrylic Metal Primer (HP04) or Super Spec

HP® Alkyd Metal Primer (P06)

Finish: 1 or 2 coats Ultra Spec® 500 Interior Eggshell Finish (N538)

Non-Ferrous Metal (Galvanized & Aluminum): All new metal surfaces must be thoroughly cleaned with an Oil & Grease Emulsifier Corotech® V600 to remove contaminants. New shiny non-ferrous metal surfaces that will be subject to abrasion should be dulled with very fine sandpaper or a synthetic steel wool pad to promote adhesion

Primer: Ultra Spec® HP Acrylic Metal Primer (HP04)

Finish: 1 or 2 coats Ultra Spec® 500 Interior Eggshell Finish (N538)

Repaint, All Substrates: Prime bare areas with the primer recommended for the substrate above.

Application

Stir thoroughly before use. Apply one or two coats. For best results, use a Benjamin Moore® Professional custom-blended nylon/polyester brush, Benjamin Moore® Professional roller, or a similar product. This product can also be sprayed.

Conditioning with Benjamin Moore® 518 Extender may be necessary under certain conditions to adjust open time or spray characteristics. The chart below is for general guidance		
	Mild conditions	Severe conditions
	Humid (RH> 50%) with no direct sunlight & with little to no wind	Dry (RH<50%), in direct sunlight, or windy conditions
Brush: Nylon / Polyester	No thinning necessary	Add 518 Extender or water: Max of 8 fl. oz. to a gallon of paint Never add other paints or solvents.
Roller: Premium Quality 3/8" roller cover		
Spray: Airless Pressure: 1500-2500 psi Tip: 0.013-0.017		

Thinning/Clean up

Thinning is unnecessary, but if required to obtain desired application properties, a small amount of clean water may be added. Never add other paints or solvents.

Clean up: Use soap and water. Spray equipment should be given a final rinse with mineral spirits to prevent corrosion.

USE COMPLETELY OR DISPOSE OF PROPERLY. Dry empty containers may be recycled in a can recycling program. Local disposal requirements vary; consult your sanitation department or state-designated environmental agency on disposal options.

Environmental Health & Safety Information

Use only with adequate ventilation. Do not breathe spray mist or sanding dust. Ensure fresh air entry during application and drying. Avoid contact with eyes and prolonged or repeated contact with skin. Avoid exposure to dust and spray mist by wearing a NIOSH approved respirator during application, sanding and clean up. Follow respirator manufacturer's directions for respirator use. Close container after each use. Wash thoroughly after handling.



WARNING: Cancer and Reproductive Harm—
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WARNING: This product contains isothiazolinone compounds at levels of <0.1%. These substances are biocides commonly found in most paints and a variety of personal care products as a preservative. Certain individuals may be sensitive or allergic to these substances, even at low levels.

FIRST AID: In case of eye contact, flush immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes; for skin, wash thoroughly with soap and water. If symptoms persist, seek medical attention. If you experience difficulty breathing, leave the area to obtain fresh air. If continued difficulty is experienced, get medical attention immediately.

IN CASE OF SPILL — Absorb with inert material and dispose of as specified under "Clean up".

**KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN
PROTECT FROM FREEZING**

Refer to Safety Data Sheet for additional health and safety information.